

DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller

[Signature]

30 August 1965

1. The Director buzzed to talk about several items.

a. He said that on second thought he had some reservations about closing out [] for fear we might alienate [] and others connected with it. He thought that we might consider the possibility of making it work. I agreed that we might alienate [] but expressed extreme pessimism about our ability to make it work. On balance I would favor proceeding with the phase-down in Fiscal Year 1966 and phase-out in Fiscal Year 1967. The Director said that he wanted to talk to Bud Wheelon about this. (I don't know yet what his decision will be.)

b. In querying the Director today whether he wanted to see Ambassadors who would be in the building today and tomorrow, he advised me that in the future, if his time permitted, he wanted to see all visiting VIP's such as Ambassadors, military officers of flag rank, etc. If he is unable to see them personally, he will ask the DDCI or Executive Director to represent him. This information was passed on to the morning meeting group and specifically to the Liaison Staff of the Office of Central Reference.

c. The Director advised me that Wayne Parrish of Aviation Week told him that, according to Bobby Lim of the Philippine Air Lines, the image of CAT in the Far East was deteriorating. The gist of his comment was that the Americans running CAT were second-rate people and that sooner or later China Air Lines would probably take away most of the CAT business. At the Director's request I passed this on to Bob Bannerman and at the same time tried to put this proprietary on the Director's briefing agenda at an early date.

2. John Warner reported that Larry Houston plans to return to work on 9 September.

3. I met with Matt Baird and Bob Bannerman to discuss [] They had reached a tentative agreement with Tom Karamessines that we would cancel the course scheduled for October

inasmuch as we have already put on two of the two-week courses and two two-day courses this year. I asked them to review this situation and to ensure that the views of the War Plans Staff as well as DD/P are taken into consideration. Also, they should check with the Pentagon to obtain their reaction. The two-week course started several years ago as a War Plans activity and I think its original purpose may no longer be valid. In the light of the drain on the Agency for speakers, particularly DD/P and OTR, I would be inclined to cancel the October course if this can be done without any offense to the Pentagon. I would then wish to have a careful study made so we might come to a firm conclusion before the early 1966 running of [] about whether this or some other course of instruction would better suit our needs and the needs of the military.

4. I talked with [] about his activities in connection with the Educational Aid Fund. I got the impression that not too much is going on right now. In this connection, I lunched with [] a few days ago and it was definitely my impression that he has done very little if anything in connection with his fund-raising chores on behalf of EAF.

5. [] called to remind me that he and [] both members of the Fine Arts Commission, would be moving to the Pentagon soon. I asked him for recommendations for new members and a new chairman, which he promised to do within the next few days.

6. I received a telephone call from [] thanking me for my letter saying that we couldn't give him a job. He asked that he be kept in mind.

7. I talked to John Bross about NSAM No. 337 and he agreed to assume responsibility for this during [] absence.

8. I met with John Bross and Ray Cline to discuss the CIA-DOD survey of photo interpretation facilities, which John will undertake, and whether this same group should tackle the problem of maintaining balance between requirements, production capacity, and collection systems. Initially John was inclined to feel that he could undertake this better than COMOR. Ray felt that COMOR could do it quicker and perhaps better. John called me later in the day to say that he had talked with [] who also felt that COMOR was in a better position to do this. Accordingly, we agreed that John would undertake the survey of the facilities and COMOR would be tasked with attacking the requirements, production capacity, and collection systems problem.

9. The Director talked with me regarding his concern about DD/I management, the possibility of reorganization, etc. I told the Director that, while I had not been briefed recently on DD/I, I thought his real problem was a personality conflict and that, whether or not they were over-staffed and whether or not we reorganized, the unsatisfactory situation would not be resolved unless the personalities involved in this struggle were called in and straightened out. While we were talking Mr. Kirkpatrick called to say that he would turn in his long-range planning report tomorrow. The Director talked with him about the DD/I management and reorganization problem and expressed the hope that Kirk might find time to go into this in depth. As far as I could tell, Kirk suggested that he would talk with [] and perhaps with the cooperation of Brown he could come back and bring a small group with him to look into this and other problems. In his telephone conversation the Director seemed very enthusiastic about the idea. After the conversation I expressed extreme skepticism about the wisdom of this approach and suggested that if we wanted to get an outsider to have a look at DD/I, General Cabell might be able to do it. The Director then said that he felt no one who had not "come up through the ranks" would be able to do a satisfactory job, which I opined pretty well defeated his enthusiasm for having somebody from Brown University do this.

10. Bud Wheelon came to see me about a number of items.

a. First, he has had further talks with [] General Ledford and [] and now has completely reversed his position of last Friday and wants to put [] in charge of []. I declined to approve this and asked him not to take any steps along these lines without consulting with me again. As a minimum I felt that I would first want to talk with [] and Dick Helms.

b. Bud was quite upset about [] actions during his absence. He said that he had had a meeting of his staff and had explained his personal position in this current situation and had concluded that [] was responsible for spreading the word that he was leaving almost immediately.

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